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# OHIO

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## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 33.9 degrees, 10.7 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, April 1. Precipitation averaged 0.22 inches, 0.63 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 31 points below normal.

Reporters rated 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, March 30. This is 0.8 days ahead of last year and 0.5 days ahead the 1996-00 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 16 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

|           | Current week | Previous week | Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2001      | 4.0          | NA            | 4.0                                 |
| 2000      | 3.2          | NA            | 3.2                                 |
| 1996-2000 | 3.5          | NA            | 3.5                                 |

#### Topsoil Moisture

|                     | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Current Week        | 2          | 16    | 73       | 9       |
| Last Week           | NA         | NA    | NA       | NA      |
| Same Week Last Year | 4          | 23    | 64       | 9       |
| 1996-2000 Average   | 2          | 11    | 62       | 25      |

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 1

Reporters estimated that **Winter Wheat** is 1 percent jointed, this is behind last year's schedule and the 1996-00 average. Eight percent of the **Oat** crop has been planted. This is 14 days behind last year and 3 days behind of the five year average. **Tobacco** growers have 20 percent of their tobacco beds seeded, this is behind last year's 31 percent of tobacco beds seeded. Four percent of tobacco beds have visible growth, about the same development as the 2000 season crop. Reporters estimated that the percentage of normal nitrogen fertilizer available to producers is at 88% of normal.

Activities throughout the state include applying fertilizer, nitrogen to corn, and anhydrous ammonia to fields; plowing chiseling, discing, hauling manure and grain, wheat topdressing, spring tillage work, equipment maintenance and preparation, sowing oats and alfalfa seedings, planting grasses, legumes, and transplanting tomato and cabbage plants.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reporters rated 64 percent of the winter wheat crop in good to excellent condition. Pasture conditions are mostly fair to good condition. Some reporters mentioned that pastures are starting to green up nicely while others say the pastures are just starting to come out of dormancy.

Livestock producers reported good to excellent conditions. Lambing and calving are good very well. Some livestock producers are worried about foot & mouth and mad cow disease and the bad publicity for livestock producers in Ohio.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 1

| Crop                          | 2001 | 2000 | 1996-00 Average | Previous Week |      |
|-------------------------------|------|------|-----------------|---------------|------|
|                               |      |      |                 | Ohio          | U.S. |
| Oats planted                  | 8    | 21   | 11              | NA            | NA   |
| Potatoes planted              | 0    | 5    | 1               | NA            | NA   |
| Tobacco beds seeded           | 20   | 31   | NA              | NA            | NA   |
| Tobacco beds having plants up | 4    | 6    | NA              | NA            | NA   |
| Winter wheat jointed          | 1    | 9    | NA              | NA            | NA   |

### PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 1

| PASTURE       | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Current Week  | 7         | 10   | 40   | 37   | 6         |
| Previous Week | NA        | NA   | NA   | NA   | NA        |
| Previous Year | 3         | 10   | 33   | 44   | 10        |
| WINTER WHEAT  |           |      |      |      |           |
| Current Week  | 1         | 5    | 30   | 55   | 9         |
| Previous Week | NA        | NA   | NA   | NA   | NA        |
| Previous Year | 0         | 2    | 14   | 50   | 34        |

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 1

|                 | Temperature |       | Precipitation |       | Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup> |      |
|-----------------|-------------|-------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------------|------|
| Region          | Last Week   | Dev.  | Last Week     | Dev.  | Last Week                         | Dev. |
| Northwest       | 33.4        | -8.9  | 0.17          | -0.59 | 3                                 | -23  |
| North Central   | 32.2        | -10.3 | 0.15          | -0.62 | 0                                 | -28  |
| Northeast       | 32.4        | -9.9  | 0.44          | -0.44 | 1                                 | -28  |
| West Central    | 34.1        | -10.0 | 0.29          | -0.53 | 6                                 | -26  |
| Central         | 34.0        | -11.4 | 0.17          | -0.65 | 6                                 | -32  |
| Central Hills   | 32.1        | -11.6 | 0.09          | -0.75 | 1                                 | -32  |
| Northeast Hills | 32.7        | -11.7 | 0.17          | -0.71 | 1                                 | -34  |
| Southwest       | 35.9        | -10.7 | 0.27          | -0.67 | 11                                | -29  |
| South Central   | 36.9        | -10.8 | 0.29          | -0.63 | 12                                | -36  |
| Southeast       | 34.3        | -12.0 | 0.18          | -0.70 | 4                                 | -39  |
| STATE           | 33.9        | -10.7 | 0.22          | -0.63 | 5                                 | -31  |

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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